# PERMITTING THE VESSEL "MARPOLE" TO BE DOCUMENTED FOR USE IN THE COASTWISE TRADE

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Mr. Magnuson, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1497]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1497) to permit the vessel *Marpole* to be documented for use in the coastwise trade, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to permit the vessel Marpole to be docu-

mented for use in the coastwise trade.

The tug was built in Louisiana in 1942 and was subsequently transferred to the Canadian Navy, which in turn sold it to a Canadian citizen. Thereafter, it was purchased by an American and taken to San Diego, Calif. At this point it was discovered that the vessel although built in the United States lacked coastwise privileges by reason of the intervening foreign ownership. The vessel is presently the sole asset in the owner's estate and the widow desires coastwise privileges in order to dispose of it.

It does not appear that granting such privileges will prejudice any American citizen and will be of substantial benefit to the present owner. Under the circumstances, the committee recommends the

enactment of legislation.

### COST OF LEGISLATION

It is estimated that there would be no additional cost to the Federal Government in the event this legislation is enacted.

### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

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